

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 1-20 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

21. (NEW) A method for managing a project, comprising  
the steps of:

(A) assigning from a membership information database (i)  
an in-house council and (ii) an outside council to a project based  
5 on a first input from an individual;

(B) receiving a document having an initial date;

(C) storing in a global event database (i) said document  
and (ii) said initial date based on a second input from said  
individual;

10 (D) calculating a due date based on both (i) a type of  
said document and (ii) said initial date;

(E) storing in a calendar database said due date;

(F) selecting said outside council to perform a first  
task for said project;

15 (G) receiving from an events engine database as selected  
by said in-house council an authorization response for said outside  
council to perform said first task;

(H) sending automatically to said outside council both  
(i) a work authorization defined by said authorization response and  
20 (ii) said document when an authorization event occurs;

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(I) receiving from said events engine database as selected by said in-house council a first conditional response for said first task, wherein said first conditional response is (i) set when said authorization event occurs and (ii) performed if set when a first reminder event occurs;

(J) calculating a first reminder date for said first reminder event;

(K) storing in said calendar database said first reminder date; and

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(L) sending automatically on said first reminder date to said outside council a first reminder email to complete said first task if said first conditional response is set.

22. (NEW) The method according to claim 21, further comprising the steps of:

receiving a notice from said outside council indicating that said first task has been completed on a completion date; and

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storing in said global event database said completion date based on a third input from said individual.

23. (NEW) The method according to claim 22, further comprising the step of:

cancelling said first reminder email if said completion date is stored before said first reminder date is reached.

24. (NEW) The method according to claim 21, further comprising the steps of:

5 assigning from said membership information database a supervisor of said outside council based on a third input from said individual, wherein said supervisor did not receive said first reminder email;

10 receiving from said events engine database as selected by said in-house council a second conditional response for said first task, wherein said second conditional response is (i) set when said first reminder event occurs and (ii) performed if set when a second reminder event occurs;

calculating a second reminder date for said second reminder event; and

15 storing in said calendar database said second reminder date.

25. (NEW) The method according to claim 24, further comprising the step:

5 sending automatically on said second reminder date to both (i) said outside council and (ii) said supervisor a second reminder email to complete said first task if said second conditional response is set.

26. (NEW) The method according to claim 21, further comprising the steps of:

receiving from said events engine database as selected by  
said in-house council a second conditional response for a second  
5 task, wherein said second conditional response is (i) set when said  
first task is completed and (ii) performed if set when a second  
reminder event occurs;

calculating a second event date for said second reminder  
event as a fixed number of days after said first task is completed;  
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storing in said calendar database said second event date.

27. (NEW) The method according to claim 26, further  
comprising the step of:

sending automatically on said second event date to said  
outside council a second reminder email to complete said second  
5 task if said first task is completed.

28. (NEW) The method according to claim 21, further  
comprising a storage medium recording a computer program having the  
steps (A) through (L).

29. (NEW) An apparatus comprising:

a memory configured to store (i) a membership information  
database, (ii) a global events database, (iii) a calendar database  
and (iv) an events engine database; and

5 a database management system configured to:

(A) assign from a membership information database (i) an in-house council and (ii) an outside council to a project based on a first input from an individual;

(B) receive a document having an initial date;

10 (C) store in a global event database (i) said document and (ii) said initial date based on a second input from said individual;

(D) calculate a due date based on both (i) a type of said document and (ii) said initial date;

15 (E) store in a calendar database said due date;

(F) select said outside council to perform a first task for said project;

(G) receive from an events engine database as selected by said in-house council an authorization response for said outside 20 council to perform said first task;

(H) send automatically to said outside council both (i) a work authorization defined by said authorization response and (ii) said document when an authorization event occurs;

(I) receive from said events engine database as selected 25 by said in-house council a first conditional response for said first task, wherein said first conditional response is (i) set when said authorization event occurs and (ii) performed if set when a first reminder event occurs;

(J) calculate a first reminder date for said first 30 reminder event;

(K) store in said calendar database said first reminder date; and

(L) send automatically on said first reminder date to said outside council a first reminder email to complete said first task if said first conditional response is set.

35 30. (NEW) An apparatus comprising:

means for storing (i) a membership information database, (ii) a global events database, (iii) a calendar database and (iv) an events engine database;

5 means for assigning from a membership information database (i) an in-house council and (ii) an outside council to a project based on a first input from an individual;

means for receiving a document having an initial date;

10 means for storing in a global event database (i) said document and (ii) said initial date based on a second input from said individual;

means for calculating a due date based on both (i) a type of said document and (ii) said initial date;

means for storing in a calendar database said due date;

15 means for selecting said outside council to perform a first task for said project;

means for receiving from an events engine database as selected by said in-house council an authorization response for said outside council to perform said first task;

20           means for sending automatically to said outside council  
both (i) a work authorization defined by said authorization  
response and (ii) said document when an authorization event occurs;

25           means for receiving from said events engine database as  
selected by said in-house council a first conditional response for  
said first task, wherein said first conditional response is (i) set  
when said authorization event occurs and (ii) performed if set when  
a first reminder event occurs;

              means for calculating a first reminder date for said  
first reminder event;

30           means for storing in said calendar database said first  
reminder date; and

              means for sending automatically on said first reminder  
date to said outside council a first reminder email to complete  
said first task if said first conditional response is set.